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CURRY COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE IN SPLENDID SHAPE

Special Committee, Including News Representative, Visit Each and Every School in the County. They Have Awarded Prizes to the most Deserving

A special committee composed of Prof. L. C. Mersfelder, Staff photographer R. O. Robinson and E. E. Forbes as special News representative, visited each of the Curry County school districts and examined into the conditions and as a committee of judges have made a report awarding cash prizes as follows: Pleasant Hill, \$75.00; Haverer, \$40.00; Bellview (Grady), \$25.00; Ruth (Hollene) \$12.00 and Liberty (Clovis) \$10.00.

Following is a brief report of our representative of his visit to each district:

Monday, Sept. 20th. Committee had supper with J. E. Westfall, after which a number of patrons met with the board of directors at the school building in Dist. No. 43. Some excellent interest taken in the school work there. Committee spent a pleasant night with the prosperous farmers J. E. Westfall and H. W. Bell.

Tuesday, 21st. Frio Dist. No. 55 was our first stop. The school directors met us. A. M. Singletary is the teacher. They are making some improvements.

Brooks, Dist. No. 54. Miss Agness McLean is the teacher. School in session. Building needs repairs.

Ruth, Dist. No. 52. H. O. Thomas, teacher. School not in session. Have a fine building and lots of pride taken to keep everything in first class condition.

Hollene, Dist. No. 58. School board and patrons present. A new room is under construction. This will be a two room school, although only one teacher has been employed. Kenneth Lawing will be the principal. An excellent dinner with J. W. Foster and family.

Terra Blanco, Dist. No. 59. Mrs. Georgia Wright, teacher. New building under construction. School board and a number of the patrons present.

Hopewell, Dist. No. 63. Erma Mulhair, teacher. School in session, a number of patrons present.

Liberty Bell, Dist. 64. Wilson Davis teacher. Making some improvements. Good attendance at night meeting. Short talks

by committee and others. Supper with J. L. Phillips and spent the night with Mr. Montzinger and W. B. King.

Wednesday 22nd. Cramer, Dist. No. 65. J. T. Smyth, teacher. New building under construction.

Crockett, Dist. 66. Nice building and school board present.

Cap Rock, Dist. No. 67. School in session. Twenty-eight pupils. E. C. Wilkinson, teacher. Good interest taken.

Boney, Dist. No. 68. Miss Della Bolding, teacher. School in session. Twenty-four present. Dinner with J. Z. Isler.

Irwin-Jones, Dist. No. 60. Mrs. Alma Hollis, teacher. New building under construction.

Bellview, Dist. No. 59. R. M. Mickle, teacher. Lots of interest manifested. Up-to-date, building equipment. Fine large watermelons were presented to the committee. Spent the night with Prof. Jackson of Grady and Prof. H. M. Pile.

Thursday 23rd. Jonesville, Dist. No. 49. Prof. H. M. Pile teacher. New building under construction. A number of patrons were present.

Grady, Dist. No. 61. Prof. S. A. Jackson and Miss Bernice Fry teachers. School in session. Good attendance. They are going to build a good two room building in the near future.

Blacksmith, Dist. No. 47. School in session. Miss Luvena Jackson, teacher.

Blue Ridge, Dist. No. 46. Miss Mabelle Boucher, teacher.

Concord, Dist. No. 45. Mrs. A. H. Pease, teachers.

Ard, Dist. No. 44. Miss May Scarbrough, teacher. This is a fine district.

Deep Lake, Dist. No. 28. Good new building. Miss Stella Reed, teacher. Quite a crowd of enthusiastic patrons were out to meet the committee.

Prairie Valley, Dist. No. 25. Miss Bertha B. Kincheloe teacher. Good crowd at night meeting. This is a well improved school.

Prairie View, Dist. No. 14. Mrs. Blanche Pease, teacher.

They have three sets of twins in this district.

Prairie Flower, Dist. No. 16. A. H. Pease teacher.

Melrose, Dist. No. 24 B (rural). Lots of good furniture but in bad condition.

Melrose, Dist. No. 12. W. F. Osborne Principle. School board and number of patrons present. Everything in first class condition. Has modern banking system, which is taught in school. A handsome hand bag made of fish cord by Miss Bernice Morris was on display. A fine dinner was enjoyed with Rev. R. A. Crawford.

Lone Prairie, Dist. No. 30. Mrs. T. W. Smith teacher. Several patrons were out to meet the committee.

Harmony, Dist. No. 37. Miss Lois Robinson teacher.

St Vrain, Dist. No. 21. Prof. C. C. Ford teacher. Although it was raining several were present.

Havener, Dist. No. 20. W. C. Tharp and Miss Anna Weseman teachers. Large attendance at night meeting. Great interest taken. Everything in fine condition. They are going to put out trees. The committee spent a pleasant night at the hospitable homes of J. L. Willis and A. Hankhouse.

Fertile Valley, Dist. No. 36. Miss Maude Evans teacher. A fine little building nicely painted and the windows are artistically arranged. A large enthusiastic crowd was in attendance in spite of the rain.

Liberty, Dist. No. 3. Miss Beatron Campbell teacher. A prosperous district and lots of trees and flowers. On account of the weather only a few met the committee.

Texico—Prof. D. L. Atkins, Principle. 110 in school.

Locust Grove, Dist. No. 41. Good crowd out. Excellent dinner. Large watermelons. J. N. Webb and Miss Monday teachers.

Pt Enterprise, Dist. No. 11. R. I. Duke teacher. Several children present.

Moye, Dist. No. 4. Miss Lena S. Maxwell teacher. A prosperous district and trees and flowers in abundance.

Hill-McDaniel, Dist. No. 9. Miss Merle Douglass teacher. School in session, 12 present and everything going along nicely.

Blacktower, Dist. No. 5. T. E. and Oscar Wilmon teachers. A good building but badly neglected.

Ideal, Dist. No. 6. D. I. Barnett teacher. School in session. A jolly crowd and room decorated. Plenty of fine watermelons and we regret very much on account of the rain to disappoint the large crowd Saturday and also to miss the dinner.

Bryen, Dist. No. 42. Miss Mary Dunlap teacher. Will be a beautiful building when completed.

Bethel, Dist. No. 34. Miss Nora Brown teacher. School in session.

On account of rain and cold weather we were unable to make our schedule at all points so a number of places the patrons were disappointed and some had gone home. Quite a number of districts were making substantial improvements and will show up much better next session. We take this medium to thank all who have contributed to the different school districts and to those especially who helped to make our visit so pleasant.

The Committee.

Fair Pupils Appointed

The following named pupils were appointed to attend the Albuquerque Fair. They represent the Curry County Industrial Club.

FIRST CLASS APPOINTMENT (All expenses paid)

Boys	Dist No.
1 Henry Eshelman Clovis	1
2 Patmer Mordien Texico	2
3 Edda Kleeman	3
4 Ray R. Hungate	7
5 Clifford Gallagher	7

Girls	Dist No.
1 Elizabeth O'Hara Clovis	1
2 Ruth Clingman Melrose	12
3 Nell Bruner	25
4 Carrie Bell	43
5 Francis Wellhoite Grady	61

SECOND CLASS APPOINTMENT (All expenses except R. & fare)

Boys	Dist No.
1 Clyde Hartshorn Clovis	1
2 Chester Crawford Melrose	12
3 Hudson Crawford Hollene	58
4 Bernard Cooper Texico	41
5 Buford Curry	41

Girls	Dist No.
1 Janie Jenkins Texico	2
2 Mildred Hagler	41
3 Pearl Curry	41

Our Friend George

Former Governor, George Curry has gone into the mercantile business at Cutter, N. M., where he is also running the Hotel Jornada, which he recently leased from the Cutter Land and Improvement company.—Las Cruces Citizen.

Curry County was named in honor of George Curry.

A splendid sidewalk has been built around the Bridges residence on the east side by Henry Barris, the boss concrete worker. The work fully demonstrates that Barris knows his business.

RECORD BREAKING ATTENDANCE AT COUNTY FAIR

Estimated that Six to Eight Thousand People Attended Fair and Circus in Clovis Tuesday. Livestock and Products Display Best in Years

Tuesday October 5, the first day of the Curry County fair, broke cloudy after an early morning shower which dampened the ardor of those who had hoped for an ideal day. Later old sol drove away the storm clouds and it developed into one of those beautiful autumn days with an even temperature and while the frost was not on the pumpkin or the fodder all in the shock, it was cool enough for it to have been. All roads leading to Clovis were jammed with cars, vehicles and conveyances of all kinds. Everybody was headed for Clovis and before noon the streets were a jam of surging humanity. It was too wet to work in the fields and this fact is responsible for the presence of many who otherwise might have remained at home to gather the crops before the frost gets them.

The big Sells-Floto circus was here also and that brought many who might not have been interested in the fair displays. Of course the children had to see the circus and the old folks had to come along. The Clovis ladies band, which is the talk of the state, were out in their new uniforms looking trim and beautiful. Soon the products began to arrive and were placed in the 100 foot square Elks' Auditorium which had just been completed and arranged for the exhibition. The livestock were located in the big tents where stalls were provided. A special train of three coaches was run from Texico and Portales, Melrose and other nearby towns contributed their share to swell the crowd. Seats were provided at the circus for six thousand and practically all these were occupied and still there were many on the streets and at the fair grounds. The crowd was by no means as large Wednesday which was an ideal day and it was a case of "back to the fields" with many farmers and few visitors remained. Still the attendance, especially among the stock enthusiasts, was all that could be expected.

Johnson's Chamber of Commerce band furnished music on this day and the attendance of town people was greater at the fair grounds than on the preceding day. The judges and clerks were busy all day awarding and paying cash prizes. This has been one of the most successful years for the Curry county farmer in many and the crop exhibits were numerous and of the very best kind. No few from the old states were heard to remark that it was better than anything that they were ever able to produce and the most grateful thing about it all was that it was an educational show of products, poultry, fruit and stock and not one of sports as is the case with most of the eastern fairs. Never before has such an exhibit of fruits been shown and no few could believe that it was grown right here in Curry county. This collection included apples, peaches, prunes, plums, grapes, strawberries, quinces and many other varieties. The textile exhibits were especially interesting to the ladies and many beautiful specimens of needlecraft were on exhibition.

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Santa Fe Will Settle Claims Arising Out of Ardmore Explosion Without Suit, is Report.

ARDMORE, Okla., Oct. 4.—All claims of death injury and loss of property resulting from the explosion of the tank car of gasoline a week ago, will be assumed by the Santa Fe railroad, and adjustment will be made soon with the merits of each case determining.

This was announced by Mayor Mullen who asserted that he had gotten word from the president of the railroad, E. P. Ripley.

The company will not wait for the judgment of the courts.

Mrs. Henry Barris and little daughters, Pauline and Esther, left the 1st for an extended visit with Mrs. Barris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Marman, at their old home near Springfield, Missouri.



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